THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Huuse.

Funds for Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Development Council

7678. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of special central assistance allocated and released to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council during the last 4 years;

(b) whether utilisation certificates of these funds were submitted in time;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Allocations and releases of Special Central assistance for the last four years are given below:

(Rs. crores)

Year	Allocations	Releases
1991-92 . . .	19.32	19.32
1992-93 . . .	19.32	19.32
1993-94 . . .	20.61	20.61
1994-95 . . .	20.61	10·43

(b), (c) and (d) Utilisation certificates are awaited from the Government of West Bengal. One of the reasons for not submitting the certificates could be time led in reconciliation bf the accounts.

Plan Allocation for Madhya Pradesh

7679. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the plan allocations for state plans during the last three years state-wise and particularly for Madhya Pradesh including the exact amount provided by Central Government and amount spent on the specifically earmarked projects;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh State is being neglected in this regard; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures being undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) A statement of state-wise revised approved outlay and actual expenditure/ anticipated expenditure for Annual Plans 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 in given as Annexure (*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. —164 Central Assistance to the non Special category States are provided on the basis of a formula approved by the National Development Council in 1991. This Central Assistance is given by way of block loans and grants and is not ment for any specific project. Madhya Pradesh which is a non special category State, gets its due share of Central Assistance.

Allocation of Resources for the Development of rural Areas

7680. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy regarding allocation of fifty percent resources for the desvelopment of rural areas is being followed;

(b- if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) Central plans funds are not specifically allocated for rural and urban areas. However, an estimate made in the Planning Commission indicates that the percentage of budgetary support in the Eighth Plan for rural areas exceeds fifty percent. This is based on the assumption that under certain heads like agriculture and Allied Activities, Rural Development Irrigation and Flood Control and Forestry and Wild Life a hundred percent of the budgetary support is for rural areas: under various other sectoral heads a part of the budgetary support is provided to rural areas; this proportion varies from sector to sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Economic growth rate in North Eastern States

7681. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state : (a) the economic growth registered by the country in the last three years;

(b) how the said growth rate has made its impact in terms of alleviation of poverty during the said period; and

(c) how the said growth rate has affected backwardness of the North Eastern States as compared to the rest of the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The economic growth rate i.e., the rates of growth of gross domestic product at factor cost at constant (1980-81) prices for the periods of 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are 0.9 per cent., 4.3 per cent (Provisional Estimate), 4.3 per cent (Quick Estimate) and 5.3 per cent (Advance Estimate) respectively.

(b) The estimates of poverty are made using the data on quinquennial survey of household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The latest quinquennial estimates available are for the year 1987-88. Comparable estimates for the latter years are not available.

(c) The available information on growth rate of Net State Domestic Product in the North Eastern States in relation to Net National Product is given in the Statement.

Statement

Growth rate of net state domestic product at constant (1980-81) *prices*

(Percentag

States	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Asaam	7.0	5.4	..	..
Manipur	10.4	..	..	..
Meghalaya	11.4	7.5	10.2	..
Nagaland	4.1	..	..	..
Sikkim	..	..	..	..
Tripura	4.0	..	..	..
All India NNP at factor cost :	0.0	4.1	4.4	5.4

Note :—

(1) Mizoram does not prepare these estimates.

(2) Dash in the columns represent non-availability of data.